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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE PORTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLATFORM AS READ TO PARLIAMENT AUGUST 29 BY PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON:  
QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW THE BASIC OBJECTIVE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PROTECTING SOVEREIGNTY, THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, AND THE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATION. IN CARRYING OUT FOREIGN POLICY, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON ICELAND'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, COOPERATION AMONG NORDIC NATIONS, DEFENSE COOPERATION AMONG WESTERN NATIONS, COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE, AND ICELAND'S PARTICIPATION IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS, THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THE NATION'S SECURITY WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. SPECIAL COOPERATION WITH THE US SHALL BE CONTINUED WHILE A DEFENSE AND SURVEILLANCE STATION IS OPERATED HERE ON BEHALF OF NATO. NEGOTIATIONS ON DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE CONTINUED WITH THE OBJECTIVE THAT THE KEFLAVIK BASE WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS ROLE CONSISTENT WITH ICELAND'S SECURITY INTERESTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME. IT SHALL BE OUR POLICY THAT ICELANDERS WILL TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS FROM THE DEFENSE FORCE WHICH ARE OF A NON-MILITARY NATURE. ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO THAT EFFECT SHALL BE EXPEDITED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL WILL LIVE INSIDE THE BASE LIMITS AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. THERE SHALL BE A DIVISION BETWEEN THE OPERATION OF THE DEFENSE FORCE AT THE BASE AND THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT. UNQUOTE.

2. MOST INTERESTING REACTION TO STATEMENT THUS FAR WAS AUGUST 30 EDITORIAL IN TIMINN, NEWSPAPER OF COALITION PARTNER PROGRESSIVE PARTY. PAPER SAYS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN IP AND PP ON DEFENSE MATTERS CANNOT BE CONCEALED. SPECIFICALLY, ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, PP WANTED PLATFORM TO REFLECT PARTY'S OBJECTIVE SINCE 1949 THAT NO FOREIGN FORCES BE STATIONED IN ICELAND IN PEACETIME. IP, HOWEVER, REFUSED. TIMINN ALSO NOTES PLATFORM STATEMENT THAT GOAL OF TALKS WITH U.S. IS TO BE OPERATION OF BASE CONSISTENT WITH ICELAND'S SECURITY INTERESTS AND SAYS PP BELIEVES THIS GOAL COULD HAVE BEEN REACHED ON BASIS OF GOI PROPOSALS TO U.S. LAST MARCH. IP AGAIN DISAGREED, ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL.

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3. OTHER COMMENT: PEOPLES ALLIANCE CHAIRMAN RAGNAR ARNALDS, IN SPEECH TO ALTHING FOLLOWING HALLGRIMSSON'S STATEMENT, SAID IT APPEARED NEW GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS CONSISTENT WITH GOAL OF IP AND OTHERS WHO FAVORED PERMANENT MILITARY OCCUPATION OF ICELAND. HE ALSO CHIDED FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON WHOSE FIRST TASK, SAID ARNALDS, WOULD PROBABLY BE TO ASK U.S. TO SEND BACK BY FIRST POST THOSE PROPOSALS WHICH AGUSTSSON HIMSELF SUBMITTED LAST SPRING. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

BENEDIKT GRONDAL EXPRESSED GENERAL APPROVAL OF DEFENSE PLATFORM, SAYING IT IS CONSISTENT WITH WILL OF MAJORITY OF ELECTORATE AS INDICATED IN JUNE ELECTION. HE ADDED IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE, HOWEVER, HOW COALITION PARTNERS COPE WITH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM ON DEFENSE ISSUE.

4. EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS WILL AWAIT AMBASSADOR'S MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SEPTEMBER 2.  
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